

# Federal Grant Application Request

## Department of State Lands

### South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve/Oregon Institute of Marine Biology

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**Analyst:** Linda Gilbert

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for \$450,000 for the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology laboratory in Charleston, Oregon.

**Recommendation:** Approve the request, with the understanding that if the grant is awarded the Department will request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation from the Emergency Board.

**Analysis:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a fast-track call for proposals to the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) division of the Department of State Lands. The intended use is remodeling the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) laboratory in Charleston. The OIMB is owned by the University of Oregon (UO) and shared with SSNERR.

Phase 1 of the remodeling project was funded by NOAA and dedicated in 1999. Two years ago NOAA provided funding for planning Phase 2. This grant would pay for Phase 2 remodeling. Phase 2 will include demolition and removal of part of an existing structure, new construction, related equipment, and roadbed realignment. It will add space to accommodate all staff that use the lab, who are currently doubling up in offices.

The grant request is for \$450,000. NOAA requires 30% match, \$135,000 value. Match will be met with existing UO construction management staff oversight. UO owns the property, but because the Reserve receives the NOAA funding for the project, the Department pays no rent to co-locate at the laboratory. There is no Common School Fund or Department employee exposure required to satisfy the match.

The notification date was February 16, 2013 for an application deadline of March 22, 2013. The grant is competitive. Award decisions are expected July 1, 2013. Should the Department be awarded the grant, construction would begin in fiscal year 2014, and take 6 months. No new positions are needed.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approving the request with the understanding that if the grant is awarded the Department will request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation from the Emergency Board.